

RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R6

STATEMENT OF LEONA ERBER

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# STATEMENT OF LEONA ERBER

Leona Erber hereby state under penalty of perjury:

I reside at 3016 Pebble Beach Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635. I have been friends with Richard Richards for more than a year and am aware of the time and effort he has put into bringing Trinity Broadcasting Network ("TBN") into the homes in this community with no selfish motives.

Richard is a good businessman and has a reputation for honesty in the community. He is always ready to give a helping hand and has done so many times for not only myself but many others.

Richard installed an antenna so that I could get TBN for which I am very grateful. TBN is a light in the darkness and is a positive and entertaining station -- the only one of its kind on my television. It is the only TV station I watch and therefore I am providing this statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area.

I am aware that Richard pled guilty in 1992 to possession of a number of marijuana plants with an intent to distribute but for the entire length of our friendship I can vouch for his honesty and integrity in all matters.

  
Leona Erber

Dated: This 1st day of November, 1993.

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**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R7**

**STATEMENT OF CLAUDE R. FOWLER**

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**STATEMENT OF CLAUDE R. FOWLER**

Claude R. Fowler hereby states under penalty of perjury:

I reside at 1001 Mimosa Circle, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 and I am a computer specialist with the Department of the Army. I am providing this statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I am aware that Mr. Richards pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

I have known Mr. Richards for approximately 2 years as a fellow member of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International ("FGBMFI"). I have also dealt with him as a businessman.

Channel 33, TBN, is an integral part of my family's life; it serves to keep us abreast of the happening in the Body of Christ from all areas of interest. As the leaders of our country both local and national are working to provide answers to the rampant disobedience and violence in our nation, I believe that some of the answers are provided by the ministering people on TBN. They follow the precepts of our founding fathers for obedience to those put in authority over you and to react within the laws of the land for change, not by violence. The programming on Sunday mornings alone is a wonderful alternative to the programming on the regular channels. Channel 33 filled the void in our area when the local cable company decided to remove it from our lineup for a more lucrative alternative. I also believe

the community at large would lack a focal point of understanding and spiritual guidance if the channel was removed completely.

I believe Mr. Richards to be of good character. I personally do not know of his guilt or innocence of the aforementioned charge. The point is that he has admitted to himself and others that what was done was wrong and is willing to "take his medicine." I personally believe that given the chance he will provide a contribution to our community. I have dealt with him in a business sense and have found him to be a man of his word.

Claude R. Fowler  
Claude R. Fowler

Dated: This 17 day of November, 1993.

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**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R8**

**STATEMENT OF JAMES L. HAWK, JR.**

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**STATEMENT OF JAMES L. HAWK, JR.**

James L. Hawk, Jr. hereby state under penalty of perjury:

I reside at 310 Elgin, Huachuca City, Arizona 85616 and my occupation is electronics engineer. I am providing this statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I am aware that Mr. Richards pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

I have known Richard Richards for about two years. We both go to the same small church with about 70 people in the congregation. In a church this small, everyone gets to know everyone. There aren't a whole lot of secrets. Mr. Richards and I have attended church services, Sunday School, men's meetings, moving parties, picnics, celebrations, and a myriad of other functions together.

I am also a listener to Channel 33. As a Christian, the regular television media has little to offer to me. Most of their programs show, and seem to advocate, a total lack of the Christian morality this country was built upon. I am offended by and have no interest in watching these programs. They seem to have an insidious agenda in changing my morals and those of my family. Even the news programs on the regular TV stations have been shown to slant their reporting. The only way I can counter this agenda is by watching "nature" specials, the 700 Club, old old movies, and TBN on Channel 33. Of course, there is another

choice: get rid of our television sets. As you probably know, a number of Christian families have already done this. In my opinion, TBN is the only effective counter we Christians have to a television bombardment of programs bent on a total lack of morals -- and Mr. Richards is providing the only method of receiving this Christian television in the Sierra Vista area.

Everyone has hidden secrets that he doesn't share. However, Mr. Richards has been very truthful and honest since I first met him. He never tried to cover up his past problems with marijuana and how he had convinced himself it was alright to use it. He admits that being on the drug had an effect on his decisions. He is off the drug and is one of the hardest working, almost driven, people I have ever met. He wants to make Channel 33 a success to, at least partially, make up for his past life. He spends hours putting up antennas for people so they can receive TBN. He doesn't even charge them for his labor, just the cost of his materials. If you have your own materials, he will do it for free. He is always willing to help. His hired helper on his new ranch is a recovering alcoholic and new Christian. When a friend of mine was in the hospital dying from cancer, who showed up to pray for him and take turns sitting with him -- Mr. Richards, of course. He didn't even know my friend -- had never met him. If there is a problem, Mr. Richards is always ready to help with his "farmer" "can do" attitude. If someone needs help moving, Mr. Richards is there. Running Channel 33 is not going to provide large financial rewards for Mr. Richards. He put the station



together on a shoe string and a prayer because he was driven by God to do it. I hate to think that a past mistake for which he has already paid could prevent Mr. Richards from doing something good for the Sierra Vista area.

  
James L. Hawk, Jr.

Dated: This 4th day of November, 1993.

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**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R9**

**STATEMENT OF PETE HAWKER**

<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>	
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**STATEMENT OF PETE HAWKER**

Pete Hawker hereby states under penalty of perjury:

I reside at 3628 Ojibwa Street, Sierra Vista, Arizona 856 . and I am a carpenter. I am providing this statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I am aware that Mr. Richards pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

I have known Richard Richards for 10 years. I have never heard of him cheating or hurting anyone.

We are sick and tired of the filth and violence that is viewed today on television. We have requested several times for the 23-channel local cable company to have one channel for Christian programming but they have refused. So when Richard Richards put his time, money and energy into building and providing Channel 33 for us, he did our community a great service.

We very much appreciate what he has done because many of us can't afford a satellite to choose the channel we want. But now, for just a few dollars, we have an antenna that can pick up a Christian television station all day long.

We pray that you will allow Mr. Richards to continue what he has started for our benefit.

Pete Hawker  
Pete Hawker

Dated: This 13<sup>th</sup> of November, 1993.

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**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R10**

**STATEMENT OF ALMA HUNTER**

<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>	
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## STATEMENT OF ALMA HUNTER

Alma Hunter hereby states under penalty of perjury:

I reside at 217 Adset Street, Bisbee, Arizona 85603. I am providing this statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I am aware that Mr. Richards pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

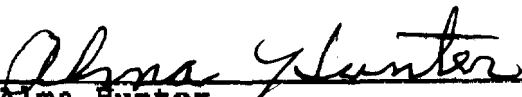
I have known Richard Richards for a period of 9 months. During this time I have found him to be a very hard-working and dedicated person. I know Richard has a past he is not proud of; I am truly thankful that he has left that in the past and is now going forward. I started receiving Trinity Broadcasting Network ("TBN") before I met Richard and I must say I liked him before I met him. Anyone who would single-handedly take on such a job as that antenna, has got to be on the right track.

I am a 78-year old widow that must rely continuously on hearing aids. Phone conversations, meetings and church are so difficult for me to hear, I only get about half of it. Many times I feel it is not worth leaving the house. I also have arthritis so bad I can hardly walk. Before I could get TBN I found almost nothing I could enjoy on TV. TBN literally ministers to me daily, as I can adjust my TV to suit my hearing aids.

Many of my friends and neighbors who are unable to receive the signal pray for the day that Richard's station will be on our

local cable. There have been many days that my spirits have been lifted from enjoying the programming on TBN.

I certainly pray the station is never taken off the air. I am thankful for TBN and that Richard Richards carried out the burden that the Lord laid on him. Because of his faithfulness he has blessed many here in Cochise County.

  
Alma Hunter

Dated: This 11th day of November, 1993.

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**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R11**

**STATEMENT OF SHERRY L. HUNTER**

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# STATEMENT OF SHERRY L. HUNTER

Sherry L. Hunter hereby states under penalty of perjury:

I reside at 217 Adsit Street, Bisbee, Arizona 85603. I am providing this statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I am aware that Mr. Richards pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

I have known Richard Richards for a period of 9 months. Since we met we have established a strong working relationship. I have helped him install a few of the many antennas he has installed, and I have gone with him to check on the Trinity Broadcasting Network ("TBN") antenna on top of Juniper Flats. Richard sees to it that Channel 33 works properly and that anyone who wants to receive the signal has an antenna whether they can afford it or not.

I personally enjoy the programming for the message it carries, and because I don't receive anything else on my TV that even comes close to TBN. I have met several people who receive TBN and they all enjoy it completely and watch it regularly.

If Channel 33 could be carried by the local cable companies, TBN could become one of the most important assets in Cochise County. Channel 33 could also play one hour or so a day of local programming for all in Cochise County to view. This could spark local interest from a selection of different churches, events for the area, tourist attractions, or even a message for those in

need of food, shelter or some other type of assistance. The possibilities are truly unlimited. Once the ball gets rolling, it will most certainly pick up speed. It will be sure to become a station that would be a lifeline to most all in the community.

I personally find Richard to be the hardest working individual I think I've ever met. Whether he is farming or installing an antenna, he is thinking of how to do it better, quicker or more efficiently. He is an active member of the Sierra Vista Chapter, Full Gospel Businessmens Fellowship International, and has been for some time. The folks there really appreciate Richard and are thankful for what he has added to the community. Oftentimes the President of the Chapter will ask Richard to speak for a moment or two or just make mention that he is here in case someone may have questions regarding Channel 33.

Richard deals with a large variety of people in his community daily, from people interested in TBN, to people that work on the farm, churches, meetings and health food stores that buy his produce, and neighbors who pop in just to see what is growing. Of all these people and more I have always seen Richard to be fair, truthful, willing and helpful.

Knowing about Richard Richards' past makes it difficult to believe that this is the same person. I feel very strongly that this is not the same person with not the same goals for his life. He has established a starting point for Cochise County that could very well be one of the bonds if not the bond to get this

community together to help one another and to reach out to one another. In an area spread out like this one is, Channel 33 is and has been a real blessing, for me as well as many I have personally met.

Richard has given of himself unselfishly, and because of this he has established a place in this community. TBN is considered by me as a real blessing and I pray that it will always remain on the air here in Cochise County.

  
Sherry L. Hunter

Dated: This 10th day of November, 1993.

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RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R12

STATEMENT OF RUDOLPH IZAGUIRRE

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**STATEMENT OF RUDOLPH IZAGUIRRE**

Rudolph Izaguirre hereby state under penalty of perjury:

I am a resident of Sierra Vista, Arizona. Richard Richards and I have been friends for over a year and I have the utmost respect for him and confidence that whatever he undertakes will be done in a moral and honest manner. He has worked very hard to promote a good Christian television station in our area. I deplore the filth and violence that so many stations bring into the homes greatly influencing our youth in such a negative way. Trinity Broadcasting Network ("TBN") is a station which promotes truth and the Godly ways on which our country was founded. It also fills the spiritual needs of many others besides mine in the Sierra Vista area.

I am aware of the charges regarding the possession of marijuana plants that Richard pled guilty to in 1992 but I am also aware of what he has done for the community since then. I am providing this statement in support of Richard's application before the FCC to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area. Without this license TBN would not be available in this area as it is not carried by the cable company. My community benefits greatly from this Christian station.

  
Rudolph Izaguirre

Dated: This 5th day of November, 1993.

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**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R13**

**STATEMENT OF YOLANDA KELLEY**

Federal Communications Commission

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Date 2.23.94

**STATEMENT OF YOLANDA KELLEY**

Yolanda Kelley hereby states under penalty of perjury:

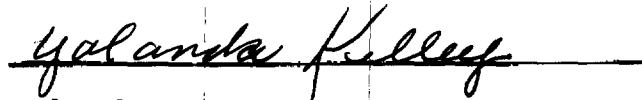
I reside at 2373 Calle Vista, Huachuca, Arizona 85616. I am providing this statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I am aware that Mr. Richards pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

I have known Mr. Richards about 8 months or so. I met him when he installed an antenna so that I could receive the TBN station.

The station is very important to me as I receive a lot of important information on Christians as well as keeping me informed on how the word of God is spreading. The community receives a lot from this station as well, for Christians are everywhere and the families as a whole can receive updated and soul searching sermons and Gospel music. This station and more like it is what this community and this world needs. All the other stations are filled with violence, immoral standards and brings confusion to the children as to how a family is supposed to be. There is so much negativity on television today, we all need a neutral, down-to-earth, truth telling of the importance of living, loving and sharing. All other stations teach the opposite of this thus creating doubt in our families. If this station would be taken down, you will be helping and assuring sure death to the spirituality of this community's families.

Outside of TBN, there is no other station that teaches, entertains, educates and assures God's children of God's will, God's word, God's workings. You will be killing the faith; choking the spirituality of this community. Please take the time to read, then pray as we pray, that God will lead you to the right decision. Don't allow Satan to have a victory on this.

Mr. Richard's character is one of honesty. He has dealt with me and my family as a solid member of this community, a caring Christian who shows it in his life and his work. Mr. Richards is very understanding and has helped me personally on more than one occasion.

  
Yolanda Kelley

Dated: This 4th day of November, 1993.



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RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R14

STATEMENT OF DONALD R. KESLER

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